GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:336
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2007
LICENCES TO REGIONAL AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to grant licences to regional airlines for connecting the small towns in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criterion for allotement of such licences to private sector airlines?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (c):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)and (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 336 FOR ANSWER ON 6.9.2007 REGARDING LICENCES TO REGIONAL AIRLINES.

(a) to (c):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Civil Aviation Requirements on stipulating minimum requirements for grant of permit to operate scheduled regional air transport service.

The scheduled regional airlines will primarily operate in a designated region and will not be permitted to operate on the trunk routes indicated in the Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.

The number of permits likely to be issued will depend upon availability of infrastructure, traffic requirements and applications from companies capable of undertaking such operations.